

BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
DOCKET NO. 96-249-C - ORDER NO. 96-787  
NOVEMBER 14, 1996

IN RE: Request of Equity Pay Telephone Co., Inc.,     ) ORDER  
5747 Highway 17 North, Guyton GA 31312,     ) DENYING  
for Waiver of COCOT Guidelines.     ) REQUEST

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a request of Equity Pay Telephone Company, Inc. (Equity) for a waiver of the Commission's guidelines with regard to the blocking of incoming calls on the pay telephone located at River Oaks Apartments in Columbia, South Carolina. The phone number in question is (803) 798-9843. We note that this request is backed by the Lexington County Sheriff's Department.

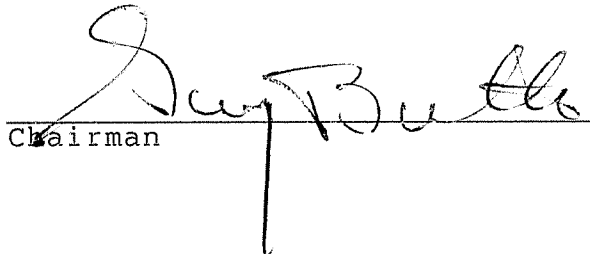
Upon visitation of the location in question, it was noted by the Commission Staff that incoming calls have already been blocked at the location by Equity, and, that further, the location is charging 25¢ per call in an area which is normally limited to 10¢ per message, since its located in a low-income area.

We believe that the request from Equity to waive the COCOT guidelines to block incoming calls should be denied. The ability to receive incoming calls should be restored. Further, we believe that the charge on the phone in question should be reduced to 10¢


per message since this phone is located in a low-income area.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until  
further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Deputy  
Executive Director

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